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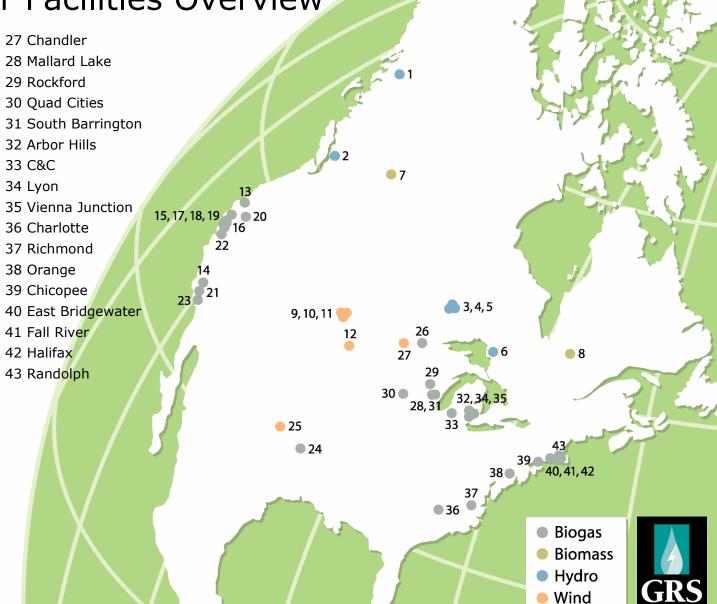
### **Clean Power**

- 100% renewable power focus
  - Assets 58% US/42% Canadian
  - US head office is Livermore, CA
- Listed on Toronto Stock Exchange (CLE.UN)
  - Widely held
  - Pays out monthly dividends equal to about 10% p.a. to unitholders
- Committed to environmental business model
  - 2003 Clean Power's net emission reductions = 6 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
- GRS is 2nd largest LFG generator in US
  - Includes 29 plants of which 11 in California

## Clean Power Facilities Overview







#### **RECs and SB 1078**

- REC trading will allow California to meet the RPS goals efficiently with least cost to the ratepayer
  - Allows load serving utilities to tailor programs to precisely meet regulatory requirements
  - Allows market to efficiently allocate environmental benefits based on relative costs of green resources
    - No explicit technology bias among green technologies
    - Aids in Greenhouse Gas reduction
  - Integration with WREGIS will ensure financial integrity based on objective data for validation of RECs
  - Transparency of trading system provides instantaneous data for LSE on progress towards RPS goals

# **RECs and the CA Power System**

- Tradable RECs are consistent with in-state delivery requirements under the RPS resource eligibility definitions
- Examples:
  - MA RPS has specific in-state restrictions in program design
  - CT RPS currently restricts eligible RECs to NEPOOL generation
  - TX barriers to non ERCOT REC transactions
- Tradable RECs can provide major benefits in CA
  - Geographical limitations of the resources may not coincide with utility requirements,
    e.g. SDG&E's current need for renewables
  - · Wheeling arrangements for renewables may prove difficult or prohibitively expensive
  - Trading RECs is most efficient solution
- Trading system can be defined as public policy evolves
  - Development of WREGIS allows enhanced validation of out-of-state RECs
  - Reciprocal treatment with WREGIS compliant jurisdictions may provide benefits to CA power consumer over time

## **Market Price Referent**

- Tradeable REC systems have used price caps/penalty charge for consumer cost stability (called a "compliance fee" in MA) instead of Market Price Referent
- Price cap is specified as penalty charge to utility non-performance
  - Typically about 5¢/kWh (MA 5¢; CT 5.5¢; TX 5¢ or 200% of the average market value of credits for that compliance period)
- Prices for RECs are set by market forces of renewable supply and demand
  - RPS typically mandate that utility directly source a certain percentage of its total annual energy sales from renewable generation, or purchase an equivalent number of kWh in the form of REC's
  - As REC price reaches price cap/penalty charge ceiling a utility more likely to pay price cap/penalty charge due to transaction costs

# **RECs and Public Benefit Programs**

- Tradeable REC mechanism accommodate public benefit programs through contractual arrangements between granting bodies and generators
  - Generators own RECs may trade all or part for benefits if public goods charge funds are used for supplemental energy payments
  - Allows flexibility in policy implementation mechanisms
- Voluntary Program green pricing is compatible with T-REC program
  - Private buyers should demand T-RECs as part of green pricing package

## **REC Ownership**

- Clear that RECs are a property right of generator
  - FERC decision indicated that unless transferred by contract and subject to state law, <u>RECs belong to the generator</u>
    - Developer assumed initial risk of operations
    - Burden of more stringent environmental compliance been borne by generator
    - Benefits should accrue to the generator
- Clean Power is concerned about suggestions that California regulators may expropriate RECs owned by GRS without fair compensation
  - REC sales provide \$ for expansion of existing plant
  - Could create investment chill for renewables
  - May create issues under Chapter 11 of NAFTA for GRS
- Best solution must include the rights of property owners